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AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 5, and 7 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

4. (Amended-Clean Text) An internal member for a plasma treating vessel according to claim 1, wherein the metal coating as the undercoat is a coating of one or more metals or alloys selected from Ni and an alloy thereof, W and an alloy thereof, Mo and an alloy thereof and Ti and an alloy thereof and having a thickness of 50-500 μ m.